

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action of November 18, 2004, the Examiner rejected independent Claims 1, 6, 11 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Russell-Falla et al. Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 12, 13, 17, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Russell-Falla et al. in view of University of Maryland's Web page. Claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 15, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Russell-Falla et al. in view of Gifford.

In this Response, Applicants have amended Claims 1 – 20 as shown below.

1. (Currently amended) A method for a Web browser to display a home page upon activation comprising ~~the steps of:~~

determining whether there is indicated in the browser a default home page to display upon activation (support is on page 16, lines 4 and 5) is presently accessible;

in response to determining that there is indicated in the browser a default home page to display upon activation, determining whether there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display, the alternate home page being configured to be displayed instead of the default home page based on at least one predetermined condition (support is on page 16, lines 6 and 7);

displaying the alternate home page in response to determining that the at least one predetermined condition is satisfied when there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display (support is on page 16, lines 10 – 20); and

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displaying the default home page in response to determining that the at least one predetermined condition is not satisfied when there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display (support is on page 16, lines 10 – 20);

~~accessing the default home page if the default home page is determined to be presently accessible or an alternate home page if the default home page is not determined to be presently accessible to download data representing the default home page or the alternate homepage, respectively; and~~

displaying the respective downloaded data.

2. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said at least one predetermined condition includes ~~determining step includes the step of using time and day indicated in a scheduler that the alternate home page is to be displayed instead of the default home page (support is on page 16, lines 10 – 20).~~
3. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 2 wherein the default home page is displayed in response to determining that there is not also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display (support is on page 16, lines 8 – 10) ~~said scheduler includes time and day that said default home page is accessible.~~
4. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said at least one predetermined condition ~~determining step includes comparing IP address of a computer system displaying the home page with IP address of when a computer system hosting the default home page to determine whether the~~

~~two computer systems are~~ is within the same on a common network with a computer system displaying the default home page (support is on page 16, line 30 to page 17, line 13).

5. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 4 wherein the computer system hosting the default home page and the computer system displaying the default home are determined to be on a common network by comparing Internet protocol (IP) address of the computer system hosting the default home page with the IP address of the computer system displaying the default home page (support is on page 17, lines 3 – 13) ~~if the two computer systems are within the same network, the default home page is determined to be presently accessible and if they are not within the same network, the default home page is determined to be presently inaccessible.~~

Note that support for the additions are in the Specification as originaaly filed. Hence, no new matter is added to the Application.

For the reasons stated more fully below, Applicants submit that the claims, as presently drafted, are patentable over the applied references. Hence, reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

The invention is set forth in claims of varying scopes of which Claim 1 is illustrative.

1. A method for a Web browser to display a home page upon activation comprising:

determining whether there is indicated in the browser a default home page to display upon activation;

in response to determining that there is indicated in the browser a default home page to display upon activation, determining whether there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display, the alternate home page being configured

to be displayed instead of the default home page based on at least one predetermined condition; displaying the alternate home page in response to determining that the at least one predetermined condition is satisfied when there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display; and displaying the default home page in response to determining that the at least one predetermined condition is not satisfied when there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display.
(Emphasis added.)

As mentioned before, Applicants submit that the claims, as presently drafted, are patentable over the applied references.

Russell-Falla et al. purport to teach a method of blocking display of a Web page that contains a particular type of content. According to the teachings of Russell-Falla et al., when a user logs onto a computer system, a value which will have been previously assigned to the user by an administrator is obtained. This value is used to determine whether a Web page is to be displayed to the user.

Particularly, when a Web page is accessed, the content of the Web page, which is being downloaded to be displayed on the user's computer system, is intercepted by a proxy server. There, the content of the Web page is analyzed to determine whether pornographic materials, for example, are included therein. Based on the actual content of the Web page as determined by the analysis, the Web page is given a score. If the value assigned to the user is greater than or equal to the score, the content of the Web page is allowed to be displayed to the user. If, on the other hand, the value assigned to the user is less than the score given to the Web page, an alternate Web page is displayed. The alternate Web page may contain an explanation as to why the display of the Web page is blocked.

However, Russell-Falla et al. do not teach, show or suggest ***in response to determining that there is indicated in the browser a default home page to display upon activation, determining whether there is also indicated in the***
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browser an alternate home page to display, the alternate home page being configured to be displayed instead of the default home page based on at least one predetermined condition; displaying the alternate home page in response to determining that the at least one predetermined condition is satisfied when there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display; and displaying the default home page in response to determining that the at least one predetermined condition is not satisfied when there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display as in the claimed invention.

The University of Maryland's Web page is used to show that using a scheduler showing when a Web page is accessible is known while Gifford is used to show it is known to compare the IP address of one computer system with the IP address of another computer system to determine whether the two computer systems are on the same network.

However, neither the University of Maryland's Web page nor Gifford teaches, shows or suggests ***in response to determining that there is indicated in the browser a default home page to display upon activation, determining whether there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display, the alternate home page being configured to be displayed instead of the default home page based on at least one predetermined condition; displaying the alternate home page in response to determining that the at least one predetermined condition is satisfied when there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display; and displaying the default home page in response to determining that the at least one predetermined condition is not satisfied when there is also indicated in the browser an alternate home page to display.***

Hence, Applicants submit that Claim 1 and its dependent claims are allowable over the applied references. The other independent claims (i.e., Claims 6, 11 and 16) as well as their dependent claims, which all incorporate the emboldened-italicized limitations in the claim reproduced above should be
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allowable as well. Consequently, reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue are once more respectfully requested.

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